



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

February 26, 2025

Tammi M. Hellwig  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl St.  
New York, NY 10007

**Re: *In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001*, 03-MDL-1570 (GBD)(SN): *Ashton, et al. v. al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al.*, 1:02-cv-06977 (and member case *Burlin-game, et al. v. Bin Laden, et al.*, 1:02-cv-07230; *Jessica DeRubbio, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:18-cv-5306; *Roberta Agyeman, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:18-cv-05320; *Laurence Schlissel, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:18-cv-05331; *Alexander Jiminez, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:18-cv-11875; *Marinella Hemenway, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:18-cv-12277; *BNY Mellon, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:19-cv-11767; *Deborah Bodner, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:19-cv-11776; *August Bernaerts et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:19-cv-11865; *Paul Asaro, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:20-cv-10460; and *Michael Bianco, et al. v. Islamic Republic of Iran*, 1:20-cv-10902**

Dear Ms. Hellwig:

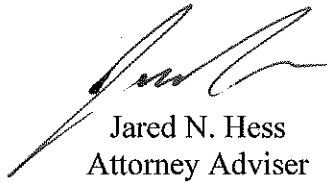
I am writing regarding the Court's request for transmittal of an Order Granting Partial Final Default Judgment for the Plaintiffs Listed in Exhibit A (ECF 10266, August 28, 2024), Instructions to Appeal, Notice of Default Judgment, and other documents to the Islamic Republic of Iran pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Sections 1608(a)(4) and (e) as a defendant in the above referenced lawsuit.

Because the United States does not maintain diplomatic relations with the Government of Iran, the Department of State is assisted by the Foreign Interests Section of the Embassy of Switzerland in Tehran in delivering these documents to the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The documents were delivered to the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs under cover of diplomatic note No. 1150-IE, dated December 22, 2024, and delivered on January 13, 2025. A certified copy of the diplomatic note is enclosed.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that performance by the Department of State of its statutory functions under 28 U.S.C. § 1608 should not be construed as an indication in any way of the United States' position or views on whether plaintiffs have properly complied with all statutory requirements of the FSIA, the status or character of a defendant, whether service was properly effected, or the merits of any claims or defenses. *See* <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/travel-legal-considerations/international-judicial-assistance/Service-of-Process/Foreign-Sovereign-Immunities-Act.html>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hess', written over a horizontal line.

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